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SUBJECT: BROWN/HABIB VISIT

REF: TOKYO 7300

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TOGO CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY HABIB MAY 19 TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF TOKYO VISIT. TOGO DID NOT INQUIRE ABOUT CONTENT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ROK AND GOJ ON TROOP WITHDRAWALS. HE ALERTED HABIB TO CURRENT UNFAVORABLE ROK MOOD TOWARD JAPAN, WHICH HE EXPLAINED RESULTED FROM FAILURE OF LOWER HOUSE TO APPROVE CONTINENTAL SHELF TREATY AND STATEMENTS MADE BY NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WHICH VISITED TOKYO RECENTLY.

2. WITH REGARD BROWN/HABIB MEETINGS IN TOKYO, HABIB
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MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE HOPE SUBSTANCE MEETINGS WILL BE CLOSELY HELD AND THAT ATTENDANCE WILL BE LIMITED, GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF DISCUSSIONS;

(B) PURPOSE OF TOKYO DISCUSSIONS IS TROOP WITHDRAWAL

QUESTION ONLY AND WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY
BILATERAL PROBLEM AREAS. TOGO RAISED NUCLEAR AND

EXPORT RESTRICTION QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE TOPICS; HABIB
SAID HE WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUCH ISSUES;

(C) WE DO NOT INTEND TO HAVE ANY MEETINGS WITH PRESS
IN TOKYO. WE WOULD STRESS SENSITIVITY DISCUSSIONS
AND UNDERSTANDABLE ROKG CONCERN THAT WE AND GOJ
NOT APPEAR TO TALKING TO PRESS BEHIND ITS BACK. WE
HOPE GOJ WILL TRY TO KEEP VISIT IN LOW KEY AND AVOID
FUELING ALREADY HEAVY PRESS SPECULATION. HABIB WILL BE
PREPARED TO DISCUSS PRESS HANDLING OF DISCUSSIONS

FURTHER AFTER ARRIVAL.

3. EMBASSY TOKYO SHOULD TAKE EARLY APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SAME POINTS TO MOFA.

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